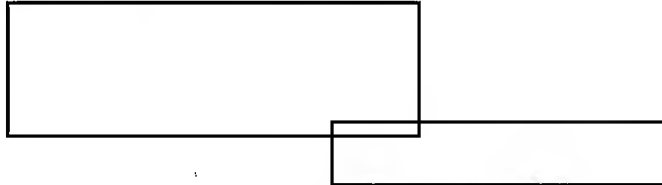


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28 SEP 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT: Scheduling of Up-coming Satellite Missions

1. The United States Intelligence Board discussed this morning the recommendation of the COMOR (the Navy and Army dissenting) that the two ARGON shots scheduled for October be postponed and that in their stead two CORONA missions be substituted.

2. General Cabell for CIA, the Air Force, the State Department, and the Director of the Joint Staff (JCS) recommend that the CORONA missions be substituted for the two ARGON missions scheduled for October. The Army, the Navy, and General Erskine (DOD) recommended that only one of the ARGON shots be postponed, its place being taken by a CORONA shot.

3. The question was discussed whether more reconnaissance capsules than the [redacted] planned for the rest of calendar year 1961 were available. It was stated by General Breitweiser that there were [redacted] but there were [redacted] boosters available. He stated that this could not be changed because of lead times involved. It was the view of the USIB that if it were at all possible, more boosters should be made available and that the schedule be accelerated to permit the two ARGON shots during the remaining best light conditions in this calendar year.



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